

**CHAPTER 100**

**(House Bill 520)**

AN ACT concerning

**Allegany and Garrett Counties - Property Tax Sales - Limitation on Expense Reimbursement**

FOR the purpose of including Allegany County and Garrett County within a provision of law limiting the right of certain persons to be reimbursed for certain expenses relating to the foreclosure of a right of redemption within a specified period following a tax sale.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 14-843

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Tax - Property**

14-843.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, on redemption, the plaintiff or the holder of a certificate of sale is entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in any action or in preparation for any action to foreclose the right of redemption. In addition, the plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale, on redemption, is entitled to be reimbursed for fees paid for recording the certificate of sale, for attorney's fees in the sum of \$400 for each certificate of sale, for expenses incurred in the publication and service of process by publication, for reasonable fees for a necessary title search, and for taxes, together with interest and penalties on the taxes, arising after the date of sale that have been paid by the plaintiff, including, in Baltimore City only, taxes, interest, and penalties paid in accordance with subsection (c) of this section and interest at the rate of redemption provided in § 14-820 of this subtitle from the date of payment to the date of redemption. The plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for any other expenses.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in ALLEGANY COUNTY, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, GARRETT COUNTY, Harford County, Howard County, Kent County, Prince George's County, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's County, Somerset County, Washington County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County, the plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred within 4 months after the date of sale.